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AT the Court at *Hampton-Court*, the 25th Day of *July*, 1728.

PRESENT.

The King's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

Whereas it hath been repreſented to His Majeſty at this Board, that the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms have ſome Doubt as to the Extent of the Levant, from whence all Ships are obliged, by His Majeſty's Order made at this Board the 4th of this Inſtant, and Proclamation notifying the ſame, to perform a Quarentine: His Majeſty in Council is thereupon this Day pleaſed to declare, that the Levant Sea, in this Caſe, be underſtood to extend itſelf, Eaſtward from the Iſle of Corfu on the Borders of Greece in the Ionian Sea, and from Cape Ruſata on the Coaſt of Barca in Africa: Whereof the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, and the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty are to take Notice, and give the neceſſary Directions herein accordingly.

*Hague*, July 27, *N. S.* The States of the Province of Holland have paſſed a Reſolution to lay a Tax of a Hundredth Penny and a Two Hundredth Penny on all Employments, which 'tis reckoned will produce 150000 Florins a Year: This is to be a Fund for Payment of the Intereſt, at Three per Cent, of a Capital Sum to be raiſed by a Loan, towards that Province's Share of the extraordinary Charge this State is obliged to be at in the preſent Juncture.

*Hampton-Court, July* 25.

This Day the Marqueſs Riccardi, Envoy Extraordinary from the Grand Duke of Tuſcany, had his firſt Private Audience of His Majeſty, to which he was introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcaſtle one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Maſter of the Ceremonies.

He was afterwards introduced to a private Audience of Her Majeſty, by the Right Honourable the Earl of Grantham, Her Majeſty's Lord Chamberlain, and conducted by the Maſter of the Ceremonies.

From thence he was introduced by the Maſter of the Ceremonies to a private Audience of His Royal Highneſs the Duke.

And afterwards to a private Audience of their Royal Highneſſes the Princeſs Royal, and the Princeſs Caroline.

*Whitehall, July* 30.

By Letters from Jamaica of the 17th of May laſt we have an Account, that Vice-Admiral Hopſon, who commanded the Squadron of His Majeſty's Ships in the Weſt-Indies, died of a Fever the 8th of that Month, after five Days Illneſs, on board His Majeſty's Ship the Leopard, off the Grand Brue on the Coaſt of New-Spain; his Body was brought in the ſame Ship to Port Royal in Jamaica, where it was to be buried the Day theſe Letters came away. By his Death the Command of His Majeſty's ſaid Squadron devolved upon Captain St. Lo, as eldeſt in Commiſſion. His Majeſty's Ship the Lyon, out of which Vice-Admiral Hopſon removed into the Leopard the Day before he was taken ill, had been very ſickly; but the reſt of the Squadron continued in good Health. The Galleons were ſtill at Cartagena, and made no Preparation for ſailing. They had not yet received in the Weſt-Indies the Orders for executing the Preliminaries in thoſe Parts, which were ſent by His Majeſty's Ship the Solebay, Captain Warren Commander, who ſailed from Gibraltar the 24th of April, O. S. and by a Spaniſh Frigate diſpatched by the King of Spain's Order, which departed from Cadiz the Day before, as has been formerly mentioned.

John Balchen, Eſq; is made Rear Admiral of the Blue, in the Room of Phillip Cavendiſh, Eſq; appointed Vice-Admiral of the White, in the Room of Vice-Admiral Hopſon deceaſed.

Cuſtom Houſe, London, July 29, 1728.

*On Wedneſday the 7th of Auguſt 1728, at Two a-Clock in the Afternoon, will be expoſed to Sale in the Long Room at the Cuſtom-Houſe, London, a Parcel of refuſed Wines, which are to be diſtilled into Brandy or made into Vinegar, and are to be ſeen at the King's Warehouſe, on Monday and Tueſday, the 5th and 6th of Auguſt, and all the Morning before the Sale. At the ſame Time will be expoſed to Sale, by Order of the ſaid Commiſſioners, a one Maſt Sloop, River built, Burthen about 50 Tuns, about 30 Years old, with Maſt, Yards, Sails, Anchors, Cables, ſtanding and running Rigging.*